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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
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Attention: Ross A. Chittenden, Division of Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: San Joaquin Council of Governments' 2004 Federal Transportation
Improvement Program Amendment No. 22

We, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), have completed our review of the San Joaquin Council of Governments' (SJCOG) 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 22 submitted by your letter dated November 7, 2005. The amendment includes changes to the local element of the FTIP by modifying the project description for the Daggett Road (CTIPS ID# 212-0000-0229) project and the funding amounts for the Hazard Elimination Safety (HES) lump sum program.

In accordance with 23 CFR 450 and the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we approve this amendment. We find that the amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53).

In our letter to the SJCOG dated November 22, 2005, the FHWA and the FTA made a joint air quality conformity determination for SJCOG's 2004 FTIP, through Amendment No. 22, and 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), as amended. The joint air quality conformity determination for the amended FTIP and RTP is required by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the metropolitan planning regulations, 23 CFR Part 450. The conformity determination and this approval were made after consulting with the EPA, Region 9 office.



This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of SJCOG's 2004 FTIP Amendment No. 22, into California's 2004/2005 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. However, this approval does not constitute project eligibility determinations for any of the projects in this amendment.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please call Mayela Sosa with the FHWA at (916) 498-5022 or Lorraine Lerman with the FTA at (415) 744-2735.

Sincerely,

/s/ K. Sue Kiser

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

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